THE M1NISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No CBI case is pending against any Addl. D.G./D.G. of Directorate General of Health Services. However, CBI cases are pending against one former DDG and one OSD (formerly DCG(I), now under suspension).

(c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases

3707. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme for research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases like AIDS etc.;

(b) if 50, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would promote researchers for providing cheap remedies to the people with no side-effects?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. CR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Government have initiated action for formulating drugs for preliminary trials.

(c) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha is engaged in research in drug development and clinical trials. Under Extra Mural Research Projects, this Department is also providing assistance to scientific organisations and laboratories to undertake research.

Popularisation of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Systems of Medicine

3708. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government have adopted to popularize the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicine in the country;

(b) the number of colleges of each system opened, so far, in the country; and

(c) the amount spent on research and development to improve each system of medicine during the financial year 2001 -2002, system-wise?

THE MINI STER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In order to popularise the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy including Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems, the Government in 1995 established an independent Department of ISM&H in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The Department of ISM&H has already implemented schemes for the development and cultivation of medicinal plants, preparation of agro-techniques, upgradation of undergraduate/postgraduate institutions, standardization of drugs, encouraging intra-mural and extra-mural research and dissemination of information and awareness, building through information, education and communication (IEC).

(b) The number of colleges of each system opened so far in the country are:-

(i) Ayurveda	198
(ii) Siddha	5
(iii) Unani	39
(iv) Homoeopathy	166

(c) The Government have established four Research Councils to conduct scientific research in different aspects of respective systems. The budget allocated to these Councils during the financial year 2001-2002 Plan and Non-Plan is as under:

Name of the Councils	Funds allocated / (Rs. in crores)
(i) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha	26.10
(ii) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine	14.50
(iii) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy	8.00
(iv) Central Council for Research in Yoga &Naturopathy	2.46

In addition, funds to the tune of Rs. 1.5 crores are allocated under Schemes for Extra Mural Research Projects on ISM&H.

Different systems of medicine under ISM and H

3709. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the different systems of medicine covered under the Department of ISM and H;

(b) the number of Senior Medical Officers (Gazetted) working under ISM and H, system-wise;